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STATE BAR COURT OF CALIFORNIA

HEARING DEPARTMENT – SAN FRANCISCO



In the Matter of) Case No.: 05-O-01163-PEM) (S153540)) ORDER GRANTING PARTIAL RELIEF) FROM COSTS & EXTENDING TIME TO) PAY COSTS
THOMAS RALPH MITCHELL,	
Member No. 199953,	
A Former Member of the State Bar.)

This matter is before the court on Thomas Ralph Mitchell's January 7, 2010 motion for relief from order assessing costs.¹ On January 28, 2010, the Office of the Chief Trial Counsel of the State Bar of California filed an opposition to Mitchell's motion for relief.

In his motion, Mitchell seeks relief from the Supreme Court's August 3, 2007 order in *In* re Thomas R. Mitchell on Discipline, case number S153540 (State Bar Court case number 05-O-01163-PEM) under which he was assessed \$11,990.20 in disciplinary costs.

Mitchell has established sufficient grounds of hardship and special circumstances involving his health to waive \$2,997.55 (or 25 percent) of the \$11,990.20 in assessed costs.

Similarly, Mitchell has established sufficient hardship and special circumstances involving his

¹Mitchell inartfully titled his motion as a "petition for stipulation for relief from payment of costs." Also, in his motion, Mitchell seeks relief from the \$1,546 in disciplinary costs that were assessed against him in State Bar Court case number 08-PM-14212 (S153540). The court ruled on that portion of Mitchell's motion in a separate order filed in case number 08-PM-14212 (S153540).

health to grant him an extension of time to pay the remaining reduced costs of \$8,992.65 (\$11,990.20 less \$2,997.55).²

ORDER

Thomas Ralph Mitchell's January 7, 2010 motion for relief from order assessing costs is GRANTED to the extent that the court ORDERS that the disciplinary costs assessed against Mitchell under the Supreme Court's August 3, 2007 order in *In re Thomas R. Mitchell on Discipline*, case number S153540 (State Bar Court case number 05-O-01163-PEM) are reduced from \$11,990.20 to \$8,992.65 and that Thomas Ralph Mitchell must pay one-fifth of the reduced costs of \$8,992.65 with his annual State Bar membership fees for the years 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, and 2015. (Bus. & Prof. Code, § 6086.10, subd. (c); Rules Proc. of State Bar, rule 282(a).)

The court further ORDERS that, if Mitchell fails to pay any installment of disciplinary costs within the time provided herein or as may be modified by the State Bar Court under Business and Professions Code section 6086.10, subdivision (c) and Rules of Procedure of the State Bar, rule 282 or 284, the remaining balance of the costs is due and payable immediately. (Rules Proc. of State Bar, rule 286.) The payment of costs remains enforceable both as provided in Business and Professions Code section 6140.7 and as a money judgment.

Dated: February 19, 2010.

PAT McELROY
Judge of the State Bar Court

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² Mitchell's other alleged good causes, alleged inaccuracies in the summary of his underlying misconduct on the State Bar's web sited, and alleged inaccuracies in this court's March 6, 2007 Decision, which are set forth on pages 4 though 11 of Mitchell's motion, are meritless and do not support any relief from the Supreme Court's August 3, 2007 order assessing costs.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

[Rule 62(b), Rules Proc.; Code Civ. Proc., § 1013a(4)]

I am a Case Administrator of the State Bar Court of California. I am over the age of eighteen and not a party to the within proceeding. Pursuant to standard court practice, in the City and County of San Francisco, on, February 24, 2010, I deposited a true copy of the following document(s):

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THOMAS R. MITCHELL 8316 VALIANT DR SALT LAKE CITY, UT 84121

by interoffice mail through a facility regularly maintained by the State Bar of California addressed as follows:

ROBERT HENDERSON, Enforcement, San Francisco

I hereby certify that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed in San Francisco, California, on February 24, 2010.

Lauretta Cramer
Case Administrator
State Bar Court